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"Duffy," owned by Dave and Pat Hummon of Jefferson, MA, takes a summer splash with neighbors Tim and Amy Patch.

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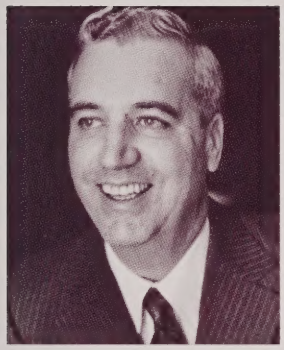
A Message from the President

Trapping Issue Headed for the Ballot



Arthur G. Slade
President

I have just read the news release of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife dated June 12, 1996, entitled "Division Opposes Ballot Initiative."

It certainly comes as no surprise that the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife would be opposed to the Initiative Petition on the use of the steel jaw leghold trap, but their rather lengthy statement implies that disaster is ahead in the field of "scientific wildlife management" if the steel jaw leghold trap (padded or not) is not available for use.

In their "summary comment" on trapping, they state, "The centerpiece of Massachusetts law sets the following strict humane standard for outdoor trapping: all traps used in Massachusetts must capture an animal alive and unharmed or kill an animal quickly."

This, my friends, is the crux of the entire issue at hand. The plain and simple fact is that leghold traps, padded or not, neither "capture an animal alive and unharmed or kill an animal quickly." I repeat, "Leghold traps do not capture an animal alive and unharmed or kill an animal quickly." All the other issues put forth to cloud this fact are beside the point. The traps just don't meet the requirement of a humane trap as defined in the law.

The Division points out that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 1995 ruled in favor of the use of the padded leghold trap. Again, the plain and simple fact is that the Court is wrong. Courts have been wrong before and they have, with all due respect, failed to recognize the tremendous amount of scientific facts and practical evidence which support beyond any doubt that these traps are *cruel and inhumane devices.*

Remember, the viability of Massachusetts farms, open spaces, the state's economy, former over-population of deer at Crane's Beach, and septic tank flooding caused by beavers are not the issue in this case. The pure and simple question is whether or not steel jaw leghold traps capture animals alive and unharmed or kill them quickly. They do not do either one! They are cruel and should be illegal in all applications.

Please do not lose sight of this fact as we move closer to the fall elections. The fight against leghold traps is an uphill battle, and if we are to win at the voting booth, we must stay focused on this central issue.

News from

1996 Humane Awards

The harsh winter of 1996 gave some special animals and special people the opportunity to prove their heroism and courage. We honored them with our 1996 Humane Awards presented during the Blessing of the Animals ceremony by League president Arthur Slade.

Lucky Kemple: Having been abandoned and buried in a snowbank, Lucky survived on his own for six weeks during the winter of '96. The six-year-old beagle was "lucky" once again when Pat and Mary Kemple of Winchester welcomed him into their family.

Amesbury Firefighters: Together Jonathan Brickett, Charles Gouin and Larry Provencher braved the freezing waters of Lake Attitash to save Charlie the Beagle who had fallen through the ice. Their act of heroism is greatly appreciated by animal lovers everywhere. Charlie deserves some credit as well. He had to dog paddle in the icy water for thirty minutes until he was rescued. Accepting the award at the ceremony were firefighters Jonathan Brickett and Ronald Welch.

Kayla Foley: By alerting her master, Randy Foley that their neighbor, Faye Coleman, had fallen into a snowbank, Kayla and Randy were able to rescue Ms. Coleman and save her from freezing to death during the Blizzard of '96.

Pet Overpopulation Pin Campaign Is An Overwhelming Success!

Thank You

The day the spring issue arrived in mailboxes our phones began ringing off the hook with requests for the overpopulation pin. The Animal Rescue League of Boston would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support in this important cause. Hundreds of people are already proudly displaying their pins, which means hundreds of voices are spreading the word about the problem of pet overpopulation and the importance of spaying and neutering animals.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's pin campaign draws attention to the problem of pet overpopulation. The pins display the League's logo of a cat and a dog's face in combination with two ribbons. A light blue ribbon symbolizes the urgency of spaying and neutering dogs and cats, and a white ribbon commemorates the animals that unfortunately had to be humanely euthanized due to the overpopulation problem.

For those of you who wear the pin, drop us a note if you have a good story about how it helps to draw attention to pet overpopulation. If you don't have a pin yet, please join us in this crusade. Pins are on sale now for $5.00 at each of our shelters. They can also be purchased via the mail using the order form in the back of this magazine. If you have any questions, please call us at 617-426-9170.

Barbara Nadeau with her New England Human Resources Association award.

League's Director of Human Resources Honored for Excellence

Barbara Nadeau, the League's director of human resources, was recently honored by the New England Human Resources Association for Best Promise in the Field.

Nadeau, pursuing a master of science degree in human resources at Emmanuel College, Boston, was nominated by the school's associate dean of graduate admissions, Leona Ittleman. Candidates for the award must have maintained a high level of academic excellence in their studies.

A graduate of Lesley College, Cambridge, MA, Nadeau holds a bachelor of science degree in management and a certificate in human resources from Bentley College in Waltham. Barbara hopes to complete her graduate studies at Emmanuel College in the summer of 1997. Congratulations Barbara!

Surf's Up And So Is Our New Web Site

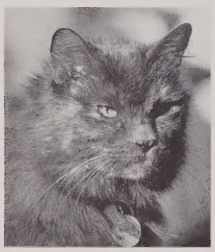
It's summer; time to do a little surfing, surfing the web that is. Check out the Animal Rescue League of Boston Web Site at http://arl-boston.org. The site includes the history of the League along with an overview of our services; information on membership, events, and rescue news; special sections devoted to learning how to decide when to adopt an animal and how best to take care of your pet; an explanation of our Overpopulation Pin Campaign; and for those who don't receive this magazine, articles are available, as well. Best of all, we have a Pet Parade, which we update weekly, showing pictures of pets up for adoption in our shelters.

Soon you will also be able to preview the 30-second public service announcement through the Internet, as well. The web site was created to share our mission, knowledge and goals with a greater audience. It looks great and is full of interesting and helpful information. Please visit the site and let us know what you think.

Clip Coupons Save Money, Clip Symbols Save Lives

Our members are always asking what more they can do to help our fourfooted friends. Thanks to Heinz Pet Products there is another easy way to contribute. Pet owners can clip the Homeless Homer, Morris "Help Homeless Pets," or UPC symbols from cat or dog food products. We will receive a cash donation in exchange for these symbols. The money will be used for the direct care of animals in our shelters. For more information or to receive a redemption form, stop by one of our shelters or call Rena Bly or Laurel Wellman at 617-426-9170.

Stephen Ryan, left, and Heather Kent share a moment with Arthur Slade. The couple received an appreciation award at the League's April 25 meeting.



"Melli," 1975-1990.

Sierra Bright was welcomed as a new League Board member at the recent Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting News

The League's annual meeting was held April 25 at the Boston headquarters. Highlights of the event included general information updates from League President Arthur Slade, as well as a presentation by Director of Public Relations and Education, Sonia DiTommaso. Sierra Bright was elected to the League's Board of Directors and an appreciation award was given to Stephen Ryan and Heather Kent in memory of their cats, Melli and Penelope. The couple began tossing spare change into a bottle shortly after adopting their feline friends. Some twenty years later, shortly after the passing of their companions, the couple had the change counted and then donated to the League. The amount was over $1,000 dollars and was used to purchase a Nellcor Vetstat® pulse oximeter for use in the League's clinic. A valuable instrument, the oximeter monitors vital signs in an animal while it is under anesthesia. In fact, the first day it was used during an operation, it alerted the League's veterinary staff to a potentially serious situation. The League was grateful to have the new instrument in place.

Rena Bly, the League's newly appointed volunteer coordinator is waiting to hear from you!

Spare Time on Your Paws? Volunteer at the League!

Many of our members and friends have inquired about volunteerism at the League. We are pleased to announce that a formal volunteer program will be in place in the fall of 1996. Our new volunteer coordinator, Rena Bly, is busily preparing materials for the program. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Rena at 617-426-9170, ext. 126 for more information.

Join Us for the First Annual Petoberfest

Mark your calendar! The Animal Rescue League of Boston will host its first annual Petoberfest during the weekend of October 26 and 27. The event will take place at the League's Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham.

The two-day fund raiser will have a family oriented, educational atmosphere similar to a fair. Highlights will include humane education lectures, hands-on demonstrations, children's pet show and activities, raffles, a professional auction, craft tables, and music by the Magic Rainbow Band. And don't forget those scrumptious baked goods!

If you would like to register a table space for your crafts, or donate an item for raffle, please contact Sonia DiTommaso at 617-426-9170, ext. 119. If you are interested in volunteering to work at the event, please call Rena Bly, volunteer coordinator, at ext. 126. Can't you smell the apple pies and crisp fall air? Mmmmmmm.

Awards of Appreciation given to NRCIA Supporters

Members of the Northeast Ritual Crime Intelligence Association (NRCIA) recently honored a small, yet distinguished group with awards of appreciation. The recipients, who included (second from left) Boston Police Commissioner Paul Evans, Inspector General Robert Cerasoli and League President Arthur Slade, were recognized for supporting the formation of NRCIA. Awards were presented by NRCIA President and League Director of Law Enforcement Thom White (far left) and NRCIA Vice President Edmund Pierce (far right).

Formed on Friday, January 13, 1995, NRCIA was established to combat ritual crime and abuse. In just over a year, the organization has grown from a handful of local members to over 50 members nationwide. White, an expert in ritual crime, states that, "One of the main obstacles in accumulating intelligence on ritual crime is that, although there are many stories circulating, very few people are objectively collecting, sorting and sharing data on the various nontraditional groups that are causing problems." Those who practice ritual crime often cause harm to others, be they human or animal.

According to White, "The various groups practicing now are quite sophisticated and complex, requiring many hours of study and research to keep up with them. A goal of NRCIA is to periodically hold seminars to update and train officers in the investigation of ritual crime and behavior." Contact Capt. Thom White at 617-426-9170 for more information on NRCIA.

Putting for Pets will be a Tee-rific Time

Plans for the Second Annual Putting for Pets golf tournament are in full swing. Join us for a great time on the links Friday, September 27, 1996, at the Wayland Country Club. Registration is $100 and includes greens fee, cart, golfer's gift bag, continental breakfast, barbecue lunch, prizes and lots of fun. If you are not a golfer, you can still join in the festivities by becoming a volunteer at the event. Contact Rena Bly for more details. We are also looking for sponsors. You can be a Cuddly Critter (donations of less than $200 or prizes), a Top Dog ($1,000) or anything in between. Proceeds from this year's event will go toward buying specialized rescue equipment including the Coda Net Launcher. If you would like a registration form or information on becoming a sponsor, please contact Laura MacFeeley at 617-426-9170.

1996 Photo & T-shirt Contest

Congratulations to our winners...

Photo Contest (children)

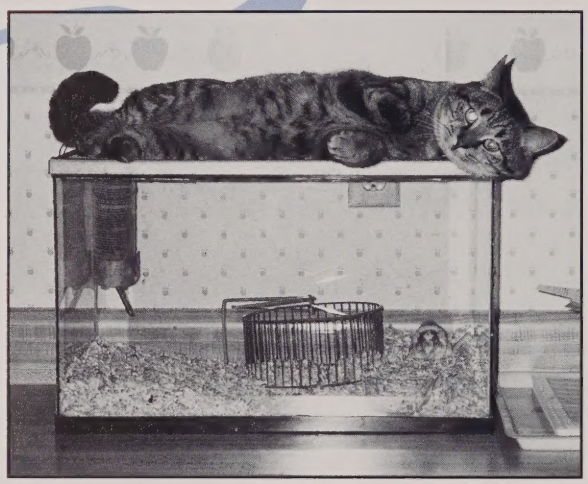
Clockwise (from top left)

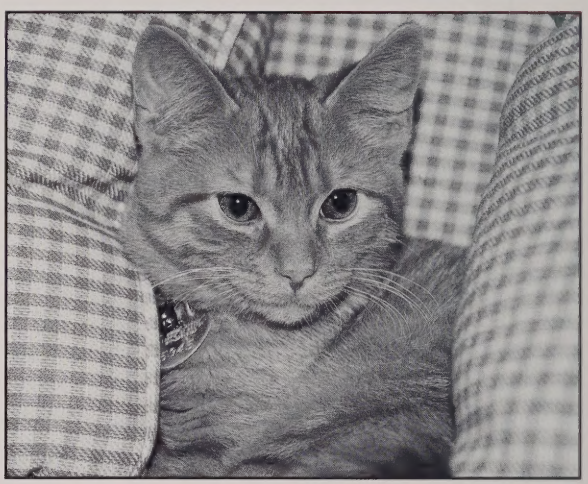
First Place
Jessica Barrett

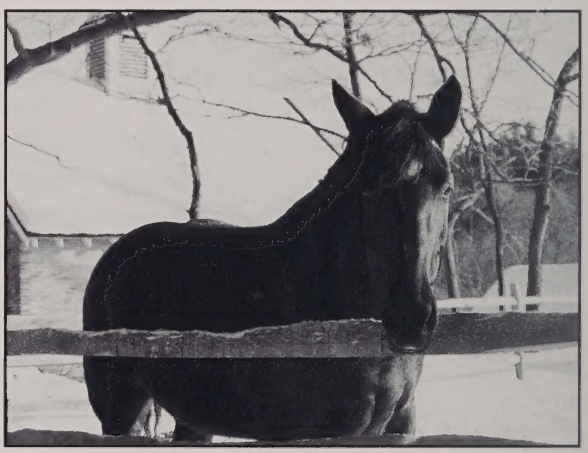
Second Place
Lindsay Z. Ting

Third Place
Iain Burnett

Honorable Mention
Jessica Vosburgh
Laura Cahill







Decisions, decisions! The judges for the League's 1996 Photo Contest have the unenviable task of choosing the finalists. "They're all winners!" they proclaimed.

Pictured left to right: Kuni Takahashi, Boston Herald photographer and first place winner in the animal category of the Boston Press Photographer's Association (BPPA) annual photo contest; League photographer and owner of Photography Unlimited, Bob Howard; Jim Mahoney, president of the BPPA.

T-shirt Contest (children)

First Place
Nate Biagetti *(shown)*

Second Place
Jennifer Ventullo

Third Place
Nicole Paré

Honorable Mention
Tyler Wardwell

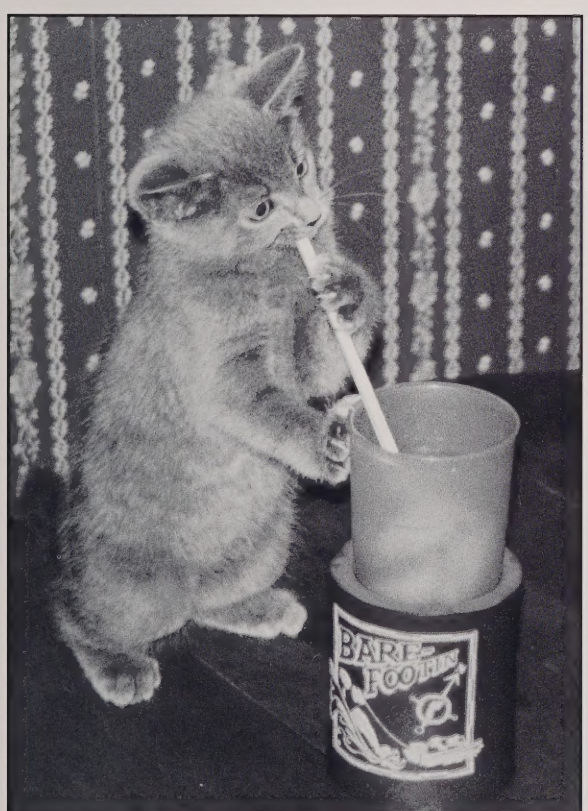


Photo Contest (adult)

Clockwise (from top left)

First Place
Laura J. Whiting

Second Place
Wendy Furiga

Third Place
Julieanne Pinel

Honorable Mention
Albert Wakefield

Honorable Mention
John Russo

These folks truly represent the meaning of Be Kind to Animals Week. Recipients of the Humane Awards as well as t-shirt and photo contest winners pose with League President Arthur Slade and Rev. Golledge. Pictured left to right, back row: Amesbury firefighter John Brickett, Arthur Slade, Rev. Golledge, Amesbury firefighter Ronald Welch, and photo contest winner Albert Wakefield. Front row, left to right: Mary and Pat Kemple with "Lucky;" photo contest winners Lindsay Ting, Jessica Barrett, and Iain Burnett; t-shirt contest winner Nate Biagetti; and photo contest winners Laura Cahill and Jessica Vosburg. Humane Award recipient, "Kayla" completes the picture.

Be Kind To Animals Week

Recently, National Be Kind to Animals Week, May 5 -11, 1996, gave us the opportunity to recognize the furry (and sometimes scaly or feathery) friends that bring so much joy into our lives. It was a beautiful day on Humane Sunday, May 5, 1996, as we celebrated our first "Blessing of the Animals" held at the Pine Ridge Center in Dedham. Approximately 90 people were on hand for the ceremonies. A short sermon was conducted by Reverend Robert W. Golledge, D.D., Board Member of the Animal Rescue League and Vicar of Old North Church. Reverend Golledge also blessed each animal individually as it left. Photo and T-shirt contest winners received awards and the 1996 Humane Awards were presented as well. During the week, each shelter hosted an open house. Balloons, food and our enthusiastic staff added a festive mood to these events. The Dedham shelter combined their open house with a rabies clinic. Herpetologist, Marla Isaac, brought her favorite reptiles to the Boston open house. A life size dog welcomed visitors to the Salem and Brewster branches.

Reverend Robert W. Golledge, D.D., League Board member and Vicar of Old North Church, bestows a personal blessing on a fourfooted friend as a grateful owner looks on.

Book Review

Love, Miracles and Animal Healing

Allen M. Schoen, D.V.M. and Pam Proctor

Move over Dr. Doolittle, here comes Dr. Allen Schoen . . . Veterinarian Allen Schoen proves that conventional medicine isn't always the best treatment for our animals' ailments. Dr. Schoen uncovers the world of acupuncture and homeopathic solutions and gives us a few personal success stories of his own. This is a very moving book with incredible insight into the heart, mind and bodies of all animals, including ourselves.

Circles of Compassion: A Collection of Humane Words and Work

A heartfelt book for anyone who has ever worked at an animal shelter and experienced the rewards of seeing those animals adopted to good homes and also felt the pain and frustration of seeing an animal's life put to an end. It is a book for anyone who seeks a better understanding of perhaps the most compassionate and heroic people in the humane business. It is a book that will bring tears to your eyes, but make you smile and laugh, too.

A Veterinary UPDATE

Summer 9

by Bosmat Gal, D.V. M.

Pets Need Dental Care, Too!

The next time your pet has an annual physical, make sure the examination includes a thorough dental check-up. According to a study performed by the American Veterinary Dental Society, 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats demonstrate signs or test positive for periodontal disease by the age of three. Studies have also shown that your pet's overall physical health may be affected by poor oral health. In fact, periodontal disease is one of the most common infectious diseases of adult dogs and cats.

Between visits to your veterinarian, you can help your pet to maintain good oral health by establishing a daily dental routine. We brush our teeth after meals to cleanse our breath and rid our mouths of bacteria-causing food particles. Our pets can benefit from having their teeth brushed for the same reasons. Routine brushing is one of the best ways to maximize home care effectiveness.

Although dental care should begin at the kitten and puppy stage, most older dogs and cats can easily adapt to a teeth-brushing routine when the procedure is introduced in a positive manner. To ease your dog into the idea of brushing, prepare beef bullion, dip your finger in the liquid and gently rub on teeth. Water from a can of tuna may be used for cats. The routine may become a anticipated tasty game for your pet. Once your pet is used to having its teeth and gums touched, you may move on to covering your finger with a piece of cloth or using a finger toothbrush. Use of human toothpaste is discouraged as some ingredients may be harmful to pets when ingested.

Dr. Robert Bruce Wiggs and Dr. Hedi B. Lobprise suggest taking the following steps when brushing your pet's teeth:

- Get into a comfortable position to have safe control over your pet. Talk gently and in a positive manner.
- Brush the outside surface of the teeth. Be careful when brushing the inside surface of the teeth toward the base of the tongue as this can induce a gag reflex.
- On the front teeth, use your finger in a sweeping motion from the gums to the tips of the teeth. This will help to remove food particles.
- When cleansing cheek teeth, aim the bristles at a 45 degree angle and work in a circular motion.

If you are unable to brush the teeth due to your pet's behavior, mouth sensitivity, or your own schedule, your veterinarian may recommend gels or sprays as an alternative. There are also a variety of chewing exercise products available for dogs. While some of these toys may have a benefit when used correctly, keep in mind that not all have proven to be safe and effective. Use caution in choosing the size of a chew toy that it is not too small to be ingested and if you hear cracking noises when your pet is using the toy, be aware that tooth damage may be occurring. A rope-type chew toy may be effective for flossing, but if it begins to unravel, take the toy away. Your pet may be harmed if the rope strings are ingested.

No matter how much dental care is performed at home, your pet will still benefit from professional teeth cleaning. Proper oral care will help your pet maintain its overall health. The next time you call the dentist to schedule your own cleaning, think about calling the veterinarian to schedule your pet's dental visit. Pets need dental care too!

Marianne Prior prepares to pack for vacation and "Ben" is not too sure he wants to be left behind.

Dog Days of Summer

by Sonia DiTommaso

Ten tips on finding the perfect kennel during your vacation.

School's out, summer's here and it's time for the long awaited family vacation! You've packed more clothes than you could possibly wear, maps, brochures of exciting attractions, travel editions of board games, suntan lotion, calamine lotion, bathing suits, the first aid kit, camera (with film this time) and plenty of snacks. You've notified the mailman, paper delivery folks and trusted neighbors what dates you'll be away on your exciting journey. You're all set to make memories of the summer of '96.

As you finish packing, bent over the suitcase that won't quite close, you feel that cold, familiar nose on the back of your thigh. The loving, loyal animal friend in your family knows what you're doing (at least you swear he does) and looks like he'd rather help you unpack than bid you a temporary farewell. "Ben" is doing his best to make you feel guilty for leaving him behind, but being a responsible pet owner, you have carefully weighed the pros and cons of taking him along—although you might ooh and aahh at the scenic beauty and inviting souvenir shops, he would probably become nervous, confused, overheated and cranky. Months ago during your family vacation planning meeting you decided it would be in "Ben's" best interest to stay in a reputable kennel. Vacation time draws near and research begins for the all-important decision of where to leave your beloved animal companion.

The following is a suggested list of questions to consider as you begin to research kennels in your area. Nancy F. McGuiness of Saddleback Pet Services in Northwood, NH (603-942-5988) offers insightful answers:

1 What should pet owners look for in a boarding kennel?

Kennels should be clean, bright, well-lit and ventilated with proper heating and cooling systems. A kennel doesn't have to be air-conditioned as long as there are good ceiling fans in place. Sometimes fans are better than air conditioning as the shock to the system isn't as great when traveling between indoors and outdoors.

Ask if the kennel has indoor/outdoor runs which will allow your pet to go out into the sunshine and back in to the shade at will. Also inquire if animals are crated, kept in actual kennel cages or on runs.

2 What services are generally provided at a kennel?

Services differ depending on the kennel, but your pet should be in an environment that is not only clean, but provides safety, good food, daily exercise, social interaction and rest. Some kennels bathe pets before they go home. Obedience training may also be an option. If your pet has specific needs regarding diet or medication, make sure to ask if these services are included.

3 Should my pet visit the kennel for an overnight stay prior to the trip?

Animals need time to acclimate to new surroundings. Since the first 24 hours are usually the most stressful, a trial visit may not be advisable. However, you, as a responsible pet owner should visit the kennel. If prior visitation is denied, this should be a warning signal to look elsewhere.

4 Will my pet have a hard time adjusting to staying in the kennel?

Animals do not share our concept of time. Dogs live in the moment.

As long as they are cared for, feel safe and clean, and are able to socialize, they shouldn't be traumatized. Leaving a familiar toy or article with a family member's scent may provide additional comfort. After the first 24 hours, most pets will begin to settle into the new routine.

5 Will my pet's health record be required?

Definitely. Responsible kennels require boarders to be current on vaccinations— especially distemper, parvo and rabies. Kennel cough preventive is also suggested. Since vaccinations don't take effect immediately, you should schedule an appointment with your veterinarian a few weeks prior to boarding.

6 Will my pet become bored in a kennel?

With proper exercise, your pet should not become bored. A chaotic environment could actually produce over-stimulation. It's helpful to remember that pets need some down time to rest.

7 What should I tell the kennel about my pet?

The more information you can provide regarding your pet's health and personality, the better the experience will be for your pet, the kennel, and your piece of mind. Consider your pet's personality. Is your furry friend passive, shy, aggressive or territorial? Is there a specific aversion to men, women, children or other animals? Is your pet afraid of thunder and lightening or fireworks? Is there a past injury that sometimes recurs, such as a limp during wet weather? Take some time to write down facts that will help the kennel attendant to make the stay a positive experience.

8 What will it cost to board?

Rates vary depending on services provided. An estimated price range is between ten and twenty dollars. Some kennels may include food, grooming, dog obedience, or other services in their fees.

9 Should my pet stay in familiar surroundings rather than a kennel?

Think of it as the difference between babysitting and daycare. Thoughtful neighbors or relatives may agree to sit with your pet as a favor, but not be prepared for behavior or emergency situations that may arise.

10 Are there any additional questions that should be asked?

Ask how much your pet will be exercised. If you have a puppy, she will need to be walked a few times a day, but if your dog is older, shorter and fewer walks will be required.

Housebroken dogs may not want to soil their kennel. Ask to have your dog walked so he can relieve himself without being uncomfortable.

You've probably already been referred to the kennel by a friend or relative, but still take the time to ask for references.

The caliber of most kennels has steadily improved over the years because people expect more and demand more because they put more into their pets. Pet owners are encouraged to look for a kennel before services are needed. Should a family emergency occur, it can be comforting to know that your pet will be in a safe environment. Most kennels will reserve space for up to a year in advance.

So, as you resort to sitting on that suitcase to close the zipper and "Ben" gives you that impending look of loneliness, rest assured you've done your research and you both will enjoy your summer vacation.

Special note:

If you take your pets on car trips, please remember that a hot car can act like an oven. In just a few minutes, a 90 degree day can become 120 degrees in a car. Pets overheat rapidly and must be treated or risk dying. If you must take your pet with you, leave windows down, park in the shade and bring water. The Animal Rescue League of Boston offers members and friends "Hot Dog Alert" windshield cards free of charge. Please call public relations at 617-426-9170 for a supply of cards.

Animal Fri

A special feature for our younger readers

"Ranger" eagerly awaits the return of his master as he sits alone in a hot car.

Dear Kory,

I recently saw a dog sitting in a hot car and all of the windows were rolled up. Is this dangerous?

Have you ever gotten into a car on a hot summer day and felt as though you were going to melt because it was so hot? Well, you can imagine then what it must feel like to be a dog left in a car on a hot day.

Did you know even with the car windows rolled down, the inside of the car can reach over 100° Fahrenheit in a matter of minutes on a hot day? In this situation, a dog left in a car can easily become "overheated;" this is called heat stroke. If the dog is not attended to immediately by a veterinarian, heat stroke could lead to death. We must remember to never leave our pets in a hot car, or outside with no shelter or shade. And remember, always provide fresh water for your pets— especially during the hot summer months.

So enjoy your summer and remember to keep you and your pets cool!

Hey Kids!

Do you have a question for Kory? Write in and if your question gets published in *Our Fourfooted Friends* magazine, you'll receive a free autographed picture of Kory, and an Animal Rescue League t-shirt. Send your questions to:

Questions for Kory
The Animal Rescue League of Boston
P.O. Box 265
Boston, MA 02117

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If It's Stray, Stay Away

Joshua and Jack were playing outside on their swing set when they spotted a big, fluffy brown dog near the side of their house. "Come here, doggy," Jack said, stepping forward toward the dog. Joshua grabbed Jack by the sleeve, "Jack, wait! You should know that you never should go near a stray animal. Who knows if it would bite you. Even if it looks like a friendly dog we should be careful. Let's go tell Dad." Joshua was right in stopping his brother Jack from going near the strange dog. Here are some pointers if you see a stray animal:

- Don't go close to the animal. Remember the simple rhyme, "If it's stray, stay away."
- Go tell an adult if you see a strange animal. They can call an animal control officer in your town to pick up the animal.
- If a stray dog starts to come toward you, don't run. A dog can outrun you. With your legs and feet together, stand still. Make two fists with you hands and bring them under your chin to protect your neck and chest. Never yell at the dog, use a calm voice. Never stare at the dog, either. In dog language, staring means you want to challenge the dog to fight.
- If you are bitten, make sure someone keeps an eye on where the animal is. Make sure to clean the bite wound thoroughly with soap and water to get rid of the germs. If the bite is severe, go immediately to a doctor for treatment. Report the bite incident to the local police station where you will find an animal control officer ready to help. Remember, if you are cautious and use the pointers given, you can prevent getting bitten by a stray dog.

friend of the quarter

Some real good Brownies: members of Brownie Troop 3001 from Newton, MA

For the Love of Our Fourfooted Friends

Hats off to the members of Brownie Troop 3001 in Newton, MA. Together, through the sale of human-i-tees tee-shirts, they raised money to donate to various environmental causes. They allocated some of the funds raised to the Animal Rescue League of Boston. The Animal Rescue League thanks the Brownie troop for their commitment to helping preserve the world they live in.

If you or someone you know has been performing good deeds on behalf of our animal friends, send us a photo and letter with all the details! If we publish your story, we'll send you a League t-shirt! **Send entries to:**

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Participants must be twelve years of age or younger.

Pets in the

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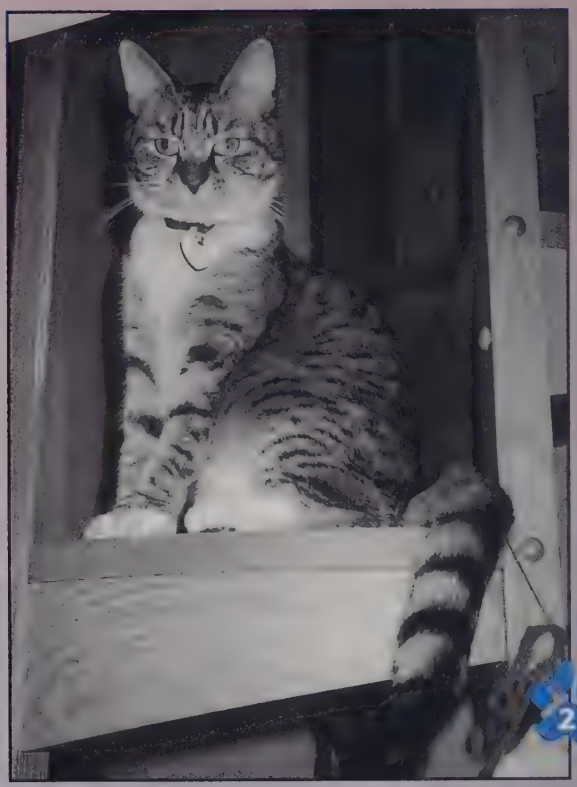

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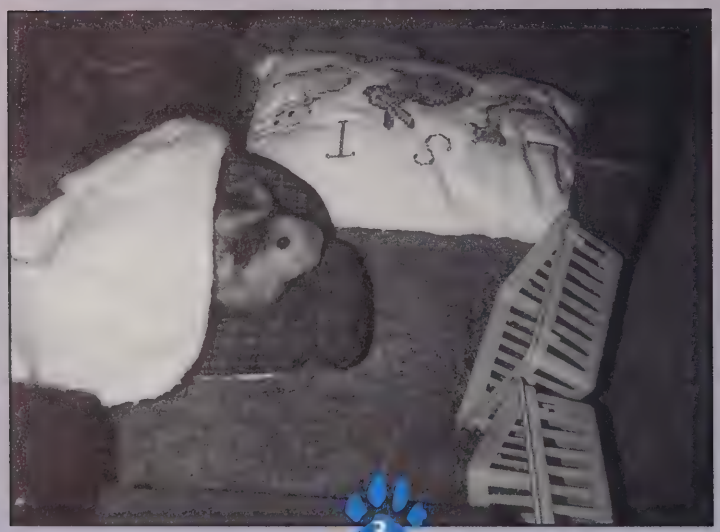

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Picture

1.
"McDuff," who lives with Richard and Judy Spencer in Eastham poses with his adopted pet. "McDuff" says, "All in life is good. I'm getting lots of love. I think I'm going to like it here."

2.
"Sheba," adopted in February by Lenore and Howard Green of N. Chatham, is very happy to be in her new home. The Greens report that "Sheba" gets along well with the two small dogs who also live with them. "They now play together."

3.
"Rosie" exercises daily outside the cage she shares with Sara (photo #4).

4.
"Sara." Alana Wilson, who adopted both guinea pigs from the League's Brewster shelter, reports that "they like looking at themselves in the mirror."

5.
Here's "Marla!" Lois Stanton wants to know, "Whatever happened to that little kitten we knew? She's 10 1/2 months old now and loves life...and we love her."

6.
"Nikki" a.k.a. "Stevie Nicks," adopted by Carole Hall of Chatham, is adjusting very well. Carol writes, "I just adore her—she's the boss and I just live here!"

Sit Up & Beg

The staff at the League has come up with the following "wish list" of items that would add to the safety, care or comfort of our animal friends. If you would like to donate any of these items, or contribute toward the purchase of a piece of equipment, please call (617) 426-9170.

8mm Camcorder with 3" LCD screen
Would be used to tape rescues for educational training purposes; $600.

Sled for ice rescues
Approximately $3,000

Towels and blankets
Used to line cages for warmth after bathing.

Hospital-type incubators
Used in the shelters.

Buchanan Handler
Safe and humane capture of aggressive animals; $350.

Sponsors and raffle prizes
Used for the September 27 "Putting for Pets" golf tournament and/or the October 26-27 "Petoberfest."

Thank You

We would also like to gratefully thank the following friends for their generous contributions:

35mm cameras:
Ms. Carol Conte, Polaroid Corporation, Cambridge
Mrs. David Hall, South Weymouth
Ms. Marion Kenney, Buzzards Bay
Ms. Susan Tracy, Acton
Ms. Robin Titchnor, Boston

Funds to buy nets for Coda Net Gun
Mr. Henry T. Wiggin, Brookline
Mr. Arthur Marsilia, United Tool & Die, Wilmington

Ed Powers, the League's director of operations, demonstrates the Coda Net Gun, used to humanely capture animals who are in danger.

Putting For Pets

Open Golf Tournament

September 27, 1996
8:00 a.m. shotgun start
Wayland Country Club
$100 per person

Includes: greens fee, cart, prizes, golfer's gift bag, continental breakfast, and cookout.

Four hole-in-one prizes, including a 1996 Buick Century, two-round trip tickets to Germany via Lufthansa Airlines, a complete set of Maxfli VHL Irons and a Hilton Resort Golf Vacation for two. Many other gifts and prizes will be awarded for closest-to-the-pin, hole competitions, etc. Forty dollars of the tournament fee is tax deductible. All proceeds will be used to purchase specialized rescue equipment.

To register, call Laura MacFeeley by September 5 at (617) 426-9170, Ext. 116.

Animal Rescue League of Boston, 10 Chandler Street, Boston, MA 02116-5221

Show Your Support!

Help spread awareness of the Animal Rescue League of Boston by wearing and using these new League items!

All of these promotional items may be purchased at League locations in Boston, Brewster, Dedham and Salem, or may be ordered by mail. Colors are blue and white.

Please send me:

Quantity	Item	Size	Cost
Total *(plus $3.00 for shipping and handling.)*			

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Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of [$] made payable to the Animal Rescue League of Boston. (Please add $3.50 for shipping and handling for orders over $10.)

Mail to: Animal Rescue League of Boston
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Tote Bag
$12.00 ea.

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$5.00 ea.

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$ 3.50 ea.

T-Shirt (S, M, L, XL)
$10.00 ea.

Sweatshirt (S, M, L, XL)
$18.00 ea.

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Fanny Pack
$ 7.00 ea.

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